

RESOLUTION OF BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING
THE FILING OF AN AMENDATORY APPLICATION FOR A FEDERAL
GRANT TO INCREASE THE FINANCING FOR THE PREPARATION OF A
COMMUNITY RENEWAL PROGRAM

WHEREAS, under Title I of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, the Department of Housing and Urban Development is authorized to make grants for the preparation or completion of Community Renewal Programs; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Boston Redevelopment Authority continue with the development of a Community Renewal Program for the City of Boston, situated in the County of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the Federal contract for a grant to assist in the preparation of the Community Renewal Program will require, among other things: (1) preparation by the Boston Redevelopment Authority of the Community Renewal Program with all practicable dispatch; (2) conformance of the Community Renewal Program with the General Plan of the locality as a whole; (3) provision of the locality's share of the cost of preparation of the Community Renewal Program; and (4) other local obligations and responsibilities in connection with the preparation of the Community Renewal Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF
THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

1. That it is fully cognizant of the obligations and responsibilities imposed upon it by a Federal contract for a grant to assist it in the preparation of a Community Renewal Program, and that it is the sense of this body that such obligations and responsibilities can and will be fulfilled.

2. That the filing of an Amendatory Application by the Boston Redevelopment Authority for a grant under Title I of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, in the approximate sum of \$950,000, to assist in the financing of the preparation

of a Community Renewal Program for the aforesaid Locality is hereby authorized and approved, and that the Director is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file such application with the Department of Housing and Urban Development, to provide such additional information and to furnish such other documents as may be required by said Department, and to act as the authorized representative of the Boston Redevelopment Authority.

FACT SHEET

Requested Authorization of an Amendatory Application for the Community Renewal Program

Amount: A supplemental Federal grant of \$200,000.

Source of Funds: Federal funds for fiscal year 1971, specifically appropriated for the Community Renewal Program.

Purpose: Supplementary financing would facilitate the extension of the present work to new areas of program development, focusing on the city as a whole.

Benefit to City of Boston: The objective is to establish a permanent system capability for planning community renewal and development to help achieve an improved economy, better community facilities, and an expanding level of upgraded jobs. New work would center on investment program development in housing, in office structures, in commercial facilities, in industry, in public improvements, and their financing.

Present Status: The Federal government has, thus far, provided grants of \$654,000 for the Community Renewal Program. For the City as a whole, new information and analyses have been provided on the economy, jobs and income, population and labor force, office space and housing. Studies of the impact of urban redevelopment in urban renewal project areas have been made. Analyses of land use are being generated. Management information systems are becoming operational.

Cost to City: The City's one-third share of total new cost will be provided by staff services under funds appropriated by the City.

Monitor: The Community Renewal Program is directed by Alexander Ganz and monitored by James Drought, Administrator for Staff Services.

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Boston Redevelopment Authority

FROM: Robert T. Kenney, Director

DATE: May 27, 1971

SUBJECT: Authorization of an Amendatory Application for
the Community Renewal Program

Summary: Request adoption of a resolution
authorizing the filing of an amendatory
application for a Federal grant to in-
crease the financing for the preparation
of a Community Renewal Program

Boston's Community Renewal Program, initiated in 1967, made a start toward enlarging the scope of the planning process by focusing on the City as a whole, and by marshaling new information and analyses useful for planning and evaluation. For the City as a whole, new information programs provide analyses and projections of the economy, all as a guide to improving strategy formulation and program design. Newly developed information and analyses throw new light on trends and prospects for jobs and income, population and labor force, office space and housing. Studies of the impact of urban redevelopment in urban renewal project areas have been made. Analyses of land use, by parcels and structures, and trends in real estate values are being generated. Management information systems for the urban renewal program are becoming operational.

Supplementary financing, through the proposed amendatory application, would facilitate the extension of the present work to new areas of program development. The objective is to establish a permanent system capability for planning community renewal and development to help achieve an improved economy, better community facilities, and an expanding level of upgraded jobs. The focus would be on investment program development in

housing, in office structures, in commercial facilities, in industry, in public improvements, and in their financing.

The Federal government has, thus far, provided grants of \$654,000 for the Community Renewal Program. The proposed amendatory application is for an additional grant of \$200,000 from funds specifically appropriated by the U.S. Congress, for fiscal year 1971, for the Community Renewal Program. The Federal government has encouraged Boston to take advantage of these available funds. The local share would be \$100,000.

I recommend that the Authority adopt the enclosed resolution authorizing the filing of an amendatory application for a Federal grant to increase the financing for the preparation of a Community Renewal Program.

VOTED: That the attached resolution authorizing the filing of an amendatory application for a Federal grant to increase the financing for the preparation of a Community Renewal Program is hereby adopted.